

Homeland Security Update

"Ensure a safe and secure Washington for the 21st Century"

April 2004

Message from Chief Lowell Porter, Washington State Patrol

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is a proud partner in Team Washington. Homeland Security awareness has stepped to the forefront of law enforcement agencies across the nation since the 9-11 tragedy. The WSP has collaborated with many state and local jurisdictions to enhance the safety of first responders and the citizens of the state of Washington.



The following are notable accomplishments or enhancements:

- Developed a Threat Condition Guide and response plan consistent with the National Homeland Security Advisory System.
- Increased Washington State Ferry Vessel and Terminal Security to not only protect the passengers, but also its employees.
- In addition to providing terrorism related training to commissioned troopers, the WSP continues to offer training to the first response community.
- Developed and trained a fully functional Incident Management Team (IMT) that can respond anywhere in the state.
- Continue to work in partnership with the Department of Transportation to enhance security for bridges and the state/interstate highway system.

I am proud of the accomplishments that I have seen from the men and women of the Washington State Patrol. With the partnerships established with Team Washington, we will make a difference every day.



The Olympic Public Safety Communications Alliance Network (OPS-CAN)

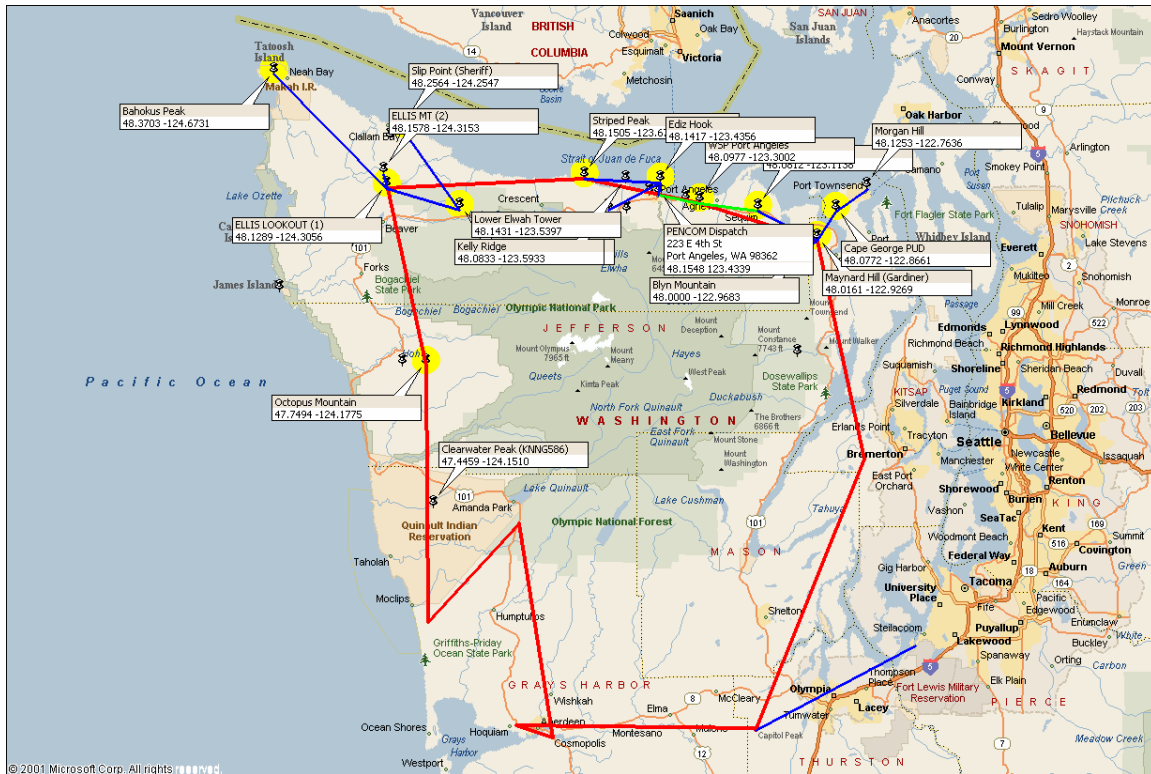


The OPS-CAN (Olympic Public Safety Communications Alliance Network) Project is a federal and state funded effort to develop a collaborative plan to improve communication connectivity, coverage and interoperability among first responder and emergency agencies on the Olympic Peninsula in northwest Washington State. The project was developed through a cooperative process involving more than 17 participating state, federal and local partner agencies and is organized into three major committees: technical, operations and governance to assure the best possible solutions.

Communications is a significant challenge in the Olympic Peninsula environment that is faced with geographical challenges because of the rugged Olympic Mountains and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Historically, the Olympic Peninsula has faced numerous natural disasters and several significant incidents with regional, national, and even international implications, including: two of the three largest marine oil spills in state history, the capture of terrorist Ahmed Ressam, the arrest of convicted spy Christopher Boyce, and several large scale drug seizures, as well as search and rescue operations.

The Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice combined to award \$5.8M in funding to Clallam County as part of the FY03 Interoperable Communications Equipment Grant program to develop demonstration projects that will use equipment and technology to increase interoperability among the fire service, law enforcement, and emergency medical services communities. Clallam County will serve as lead agency for the Olympic Public Safety Communications Alliance Network (OPS-CAN) Project to deploy a high-tech communications network across Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Thurston and Grays Harbor counties.

Technical plans involve using existing and new communications sites on the Olympic Peninsula linked together in loop configuration with self-healing digital microwave. Microwave spurs will link radio sites to the loop network. Over 30 digital routers will link existing radio systems with new cross-band radio repeaters to allow Federal, State, and local government entities to communicate directly with each other for normal day-to-day operations as well as during times of crisis. The entire network is shown below:



The primary focus is currently on Clallam County radio sites. These sites will provide access for over 42 different agencies that includes Federal, State and local government Law, Fire, Emergency Management, Public Utility Districts, Public Works, Hospitals and Transit agencies. Cross-band repeaters, operating on either on Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or National Transportation and Information Administration (NTIA) approved cross-band frequencies will be installed at the sites highlighted in yellow.

One of the early challenges was to develop a frequency plan and inventory. The Washington State Emergency Management Division (EMD) developed a database base that lists all radio programming in Clallam County and licensing of all Olympic Peninsula frequencies. Acquiring cross-band frequencies for the project to operate on is the next challenge. Work is ongoing by a joint effort between Richmond and Greentree Communications Companies with help from the OPSCAN Technical committee.

The OPSCAN project will involve the construction of a new site at North Point, Washington to include a new tower and building similar to the one shown below. Microwave equipment (below right), battery systems (below center) and radio cross-band repeaters (below left) will also be installed. The Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) network will traverse the digital microwave.

- **OPSCAN Projects**
 - **New Site Construction**
 - **Microwave**
 - **VoIP Network**
 - **Crossband Rptrs**



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The Washington Joint Analytical Center (WAJAC)



The Washington Joint Analytical Center
State-wide Integrated Intelligence

The statewide goal is to have an integrated intelligence system with the structure to gather, analyze and report information on domestic and international terrorism. It is a collaborative effort to combine information from the federal and state, county and local law enforcement to prevent, disrupt and prosecute terrorists. These tasks are to improve the safety of our Washington citizens. This system will be a true cross-jurisdictional partnership, integrating local, state, and federal law enforcement, as well as first responders, emergency management, and when appropriate the private sector allowing for the sharing of information and better deployment of limited law enforcement resources.

The Washington Joint Analytical Center (WAJAC) is a product of the Statewide Integrated Intelligence Proposal and was developed by the Washington State Emergency Management Council Committee on Homeland Security Intelligence Subcommittee. This initiative is recognized as a key component in building statewide homeland security intelligence capability and capacity and supports our strategic priority for fusing and sharing intelligence information among public and private sector entities. Widely recognized as a top state priority, the WAJAC initiative is endorsed by the Committee on Homeland Security, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC), the Washington State Patrol (WSP), the Seattle Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Washington State Homeland Security Advisor

as a joint effort to maximize law enforcement efforts to prevent crime and potential terrorist attacks.

The Statewide Integrated Intelligence Proposal is to create a system with two main components: a central anti-terrorism intelligence/analytical center and regionally based intelligence groups. This approach will maximize our ability to discover and interrupt the wide variety of criminal activities that may precede a terrorist act. Additionally, this construct supports the statewide "all crimes" approach to terrorism prevention.

The WAJAC will be overseen by an Advisory board that includes representatives chosen from the: FBI, a second federal law enforcement agency, U.S. Attorney's offices for the Eastern and Western Washington districts, WSP, a police chief and sheriff, county prosecutor, State Attorney General and State Adjutant General.

Co-located and integrated with the Northwest Joint Analytical Center (NWJAC) the WAJAC is located in Seattle, Washington with the Seattle division of the FBI. Both the Northwest and Washington Joint Analytical Centers directly support the multi-agency Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) efforts in both Seattle and Spokane. The ability to co-locate in close proximity with multiple federal partners maximizes the ability to work together as a team to collaboratively solve problems, conduct analysis and share information.

The WAJAC gathers information from local agencies and shares that information and analysis statewide and with federal agencies. This far-reaching approach to join and share information assists in analyzing information more effectively and should enhance our statewide ability terrorism prevention efforts.

In addition to fusing and sharing intelligence information from the regional and federal intelligence communities both WAJAC and NWJAC provide investigative support to the JTTF, and analytical products to law enforcement.

For more information please contact: WSP Sergeant Shawn Berry, WAJAC Supervisor, (206)-262-2175 or SSA Danny Barkley, NWJAC Supervisor, (206) 262-2242.

The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)

The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program is one of three programs that have been combined into a single Department of Homeland Security FFY04 Homeland Security Grant Program. This initiative allocates \$500M nationwide to enhance the capability and capacity of the law enforcement community to detect, deter, disrupt and prevent acts of terrorism with a specific focus on the prevention of a Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) incident. The State of Washington allocation is \$9,913,000.

Funding from this program provides funds to increase Washington's statewide capability to share information to preempt terrorist attacks, enhance interoperability communications, recognize potential or developing threats, provide intervention activities before a threat can be executed and harden potential targets.

The Washington State Patrol is the Washington State designated Lead Law Enforcement Agency (LLEA) who in cooperation with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) will coordinate grant implementation. The majority of the grant funding is designated to benefit local law enforcement with a \$7,930,400 allocation and \$1,928,000 will enhance state level efforts.

The law enforcement community joined together to form an advisory committee focused on maximizing the statewide benefit from the LETPP law enforcement terrorism prevention funding. The LETPP advisory committee consists of representatives from the WSP, WASPC, Washington Homeland Security Regional Coordinators and the State of Washington EMD.

The LETPP Advisory Committee worked in concert with state and local law enforcement to determine the top funding priorities to enhance our statewide efforts to prevent terrorism. The committee recommends that available funding support two Washington Homeland Security Strategic Plan Priorities: a) Fusing and sharing intelligence information among public and private sector entities, b) Protecting and supporting continuous functioning of interoperable communications and public safety information systems. The recommendation within the intelligence area is a combined state and local effort to support the Washington Joint Analytical Center (WAJAC).

WASPC will assist the regions in developing a local law enforcement task force or subcommittee within each region to determine sub-grants, projects and prepare spending plans and implement goals.

The LETPP provides critical resources in our Team Washington efforts to ensure the safety and security of our state's residents, property, environment, culture and economy to help prevent acts of terrorism.

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Senator Murray Marks the Start of Operation Safe Commerce



TACOMA– The Security of International Containerized shipping took a step forward March 15, 2004, as U.S. Senator Patty Murray (Wash.) marked the start of Operation Safe Commerce (OSC). The Port of Tacoma and Port of Seattle are partners in nine supply chain projects funded by \$27.5 million jointly awarded by the Transportation Security Administration. The first shipping containers to enter the United States as a part of Operation Safe Commerce (OSC) will touch the shores of Puget Sound on March 25. The first OSC containers bound for the Port of Seattle are expected to arrive in mid-April. This is the beginning of a steady stream of approximately 550 containers. They will arrive by late summer at the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma.

Managed by Pinkerton Consulting & Investigations under contract to the Port of Seattle and Port of Tacoma, the Puget Sound OSC projects and evaluations are expected to be completed by October. The security policies, procedures, practices, and technologies that prove successful will be recommended for implementation on a wider scale. Supply Chain security for the Maritime Industry remains a critical focus for the Port of Tacoma.

For more information please contact Jim Antal, Port of Tacoma (253) 383-9441 or jantal@portoftacoma.com

Port of Tacoma Emergency Response Drill - Radiological Dispersal Device

Public ports with critical infrastructures are required by the United States Coast Guard to hold drills quarterly and exercise every 18 months. The drill was conducted February 18, 2004. This drill tested portions of the Port's Security Facility Plan in conjunction with other first responders. Participants included Port of Tacoma Security Department, American Medical Response, Graham Fire Rescue, Pierce County Fire District 21, Fife Police Department, American Red Cross, Law Enforcement Support Administration (LESA) Communications, Pierce County Department of Emergency Management, McCord AFB Fire Rescue, City of Puyallup Fire Department, and Pierce County Fire Communications. A scenario was developed which focused on the discovery of a "dirty bomb" and initial response actions. This exercise focused on event procedures, inter-agency communications, and responsibilities.

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Pierce County Models Terrorism Early Warning Group

Global events impact local government like no other time in history. Local agencies reacted to September 11 by immediately reviewing their current emergency response practices and preparing for terrorist threats. Since emergencies do not happen at the federal level generally, local government personnel are in unique positions as first responders. These responsibilities all of us on the local level to rethink how government relates to citizens and to other agencies.

To prepare for potential terrorist acts, Pierce County (WA) formed A Terrorism Early Warning Task Force (TEW) in October 2000 That included law enforcement, fire departments, the health Department, hospitals, the port authority, utilities, the military, Transportation agencies and business. *The task force mission:* Identify potential threats to the community and develop Coordinated plans and procedures to prevent, respond to and recover from a terrorist attack.



A hundred different directors and managers – all of whom could be affected by an attack in Pierce County – attended task force meetings, and new response procedures, practices and systems were developed within four short months.

"Our community will benefit from the task force's work. By gaining control now with early planning, losses and casualties will be [reduced]," said Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor.

Pierce County like most other jurisdictions, has documented emergency plans that are exercised yearly to test readiness. This type of disaster planning primarily focuses on what could be experienced locally, such as natural disasters including earthquakes, floods, windstorms and fires. After September 11, Pierce County's emergency managers realized that terrorist attacks are targeted, purposeful and potentially large-scale, requiring more resource and agency coordination than ever before.

The Pierce County TEW Task Force became the focal point for all homeland security issues, including funding, planning, equipment, training and exercises.

The TEW is organized with a Policy Board or Regional Coordination Council (RCC) and three working committees: Planning/Intelligence, Equipment/Resources and Training/Exercises. The RCC makes all decisions on the expenditure of any and all homeland security funds. The group not only approves the budgets, but also provides oversight on the homeland security planning effort's programmatic goals.

In addition to effectively distribution homeland security funds the TEW identified the following needs to be addressed for terrorism response:

- We needed new methods of communicating intelligence information from the federal government and military to local law enforcement, as well as ways to prioritize and re-prioritize local targets based on the latest intelligence data (e.g., car bombs or bio-threat).
- Emergency command and control practices needed to integrate communications and authority into one incident command system available to all responders. Knowing target information, such as each target's characteristics, staging areas, utilities and on-site hazards, is essential.
- We needed to be able to utilize resources (equipment, materials, people and space) from all agencies, jurisdictions and large businesses in order to recover from a terrorist attack.
- All responders needed training on any new procedures and practices, and this training should be coordinated with federal organizations and state agencies.
- Exercises needed to be coordinated by all agencies and jurisdictions to assess and examine the regional planning and training efforts.

Given the potential for terrorist attacks, the TEW committees meet regularly to solve these problems and to conduct specific planning to protect potential targets and deploy large-scale recoveries.

The TEW Task Force started with a large and diverse agenda. By identifying critical needs and tasking working groups, the major terrorism issues facing local government first responders are being addressed and solved. This planning and development required commitment and true team effort from all sectors of the county. Businesses put aside their competitive concerns and provided strategic information about their facilities, personnel and resources for the target database.

The Pierce County TEW Task Force's greatest success is the working relationships established and strengthened as a result of the Regional Coordinating Council, committee meetings, and the work produced. Local government, the military, utilities and business freely expressed their ideas and concerns, which educated everyone on specific needs and perspectives.

Local government is the front line for homeland security and emergency preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. Pierce County's TEW Task Force leaders from law enforcement, fire, emergency management, military, utility companies, large business and the health/medical community combined their knowledge and talents to better prepare the county for terrorism.

The TEW did more than talk about the issues of communication, resources and processes. Team members took action, and the results are tangible improvements that will prepare responders for terrorism events. These improvements were not in a single area but affect the foundation of emergency response with information systems and new procedures. With this

approach, the procedures, database and systems that were built are universally needed and flexible enough to be of use in any type of disaster.

There are many ways to address homeland security. The threat response strategies and information systems defined by Pierce County could serve as a model for other jurisdictions. What is most important now is learning from others rather than reinventing the wheel, because any time saved in becoming prepared for a terrorist attack could save more lives and property.

For more information please contact, Ed Reed, Pierce County Emergency Management (253) 798-7470 or Ereed@co.pierce.wa.us



State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) sends Interim Report to Legislature

The SIEC completed the second task of its enabling legislation by sending an Interim Plan for State Government Radio Systems to the Legislature on March 31. The plan creates a high-level strategy for state government radio systems that will enable real time, on-demand radio communication between all state initial responders. Additionally, because the plan created several aspects of universal interoperability, local governments will also be able to benefit from this plan, should they elect to do so. The SIEC Interim Plan can be found on the SIEC Web site <http://siec.wa.gov>.

In other related matters, the SIEC approved the Washington State Patrol's (WSP) acquisition of over \$5 million of radio equipment as a result of a Homeland Security grant. The WSP has been using 15-year-old radio equipment in its patrol cars. The WSP will use the funds to purchase new radios for much of their fleet. Also included in the grant from Homeland Security, the WSP will acquire interoperable gateway devices that will allow radios using disparate frequencies the ability to communicate with the WSP officers and other agencies, when their mission dictates.

The SIEC also received a Homeland Security grant for \$850,000 to help create the local government survey instrument, and generate a statewide communications report. The Department of Information Services (DIS) who made application on behalf of the SIEC hopes to sign the contract with the Military Department as soon as possible. In the interim, DIS is working to draft a Request for Proposal, which is scheduled for release within the next few weeks.

For more information please contact: Dennis Hausman, Washington Department of Information Services, (360) 902-3463, DennisH@dis.wa.gov or visit the SIEC Web site at <http://isb.wa.gov/siec>.



FFY 03 Community Innovative Response Teams (CERT) Innovative Grant Recipients Announced

In Federal Fiscal Year 03 Washington State was awarded \$374,951.00 to implement and expand Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) in Washington State. The Citizen Corps Council set aside twenty percent (20%) of the local pass through award for Tribal and Innovative CERT programs. Here are this year's recipients:

FFY 03 CERT Tribal Grant Recipients

- **Lummi Indian Business Council** to start a CERT program to better prepare their community.
- **Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation** to begin a CERT program to better prepare their community in coordination with the Red Cross.
- **Homeland Security Region 2 participating Tribes** include: the Suquamish, Lower Elwah, Jamestown S'Klallam, Makah, and Quileute to begin to integrate emergency and community preparedness into Tribal daily living including CERT program training.

FFY 03 CERT Innovative Grant Recipients

- **Homeland Security Region 2** ~ Kitsap, Clallam and Jefferson Counties for the development of citizen volunteer exercise and training day(s) in 3 counties.
- **Homeland Security Region 4**~ City of Vancouver to provide disaster response team preparedness boxes for 5 neighborhoods with at least 10 people CERT-trained and organized to be able to respond in the event of a disaster.
- **Homeland Security Region 6** ~ University of Washington for the development of university-based CERT training Program
- **Homeland Security Region 9** ~ City of Spokane & Spokane County for the development of a CERT for Business and Industry program. This program will be focused on outreach to the community and increased business and industry emergency preparedness.

For more information please contact: Karin Frinnel-Hanrahan, Office of Financial Management, Washington Commission on National and Community Service, (360) 725-5290.



FEMA

: The Pre-positioned Disaster Supplies (PPDS) Program

As part of the continuing initiatives to better prepare our nation the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is teaming with many states throughout the nation to pre-position disaster supplies.

The State of Washington was selected to receive Pre-positioned Disaster Supplies (PPDS) with include several main initial response resources (IRR) types of equipment to include:



- **500-person IRR Container (40')**
- **IRR Home Recovery Kit (20')**
- **150-person IRR Mobile Trailer**
- **300-person IRR Mobile Trailer**
- **Alternate Care Facility Cache**
- **Mass Care Incident Cache**
- **Special Events Cache**

States may only use the PPDS materials in the event of a major disaster or emergency declared under the Stafford Act or by consent of FEMA. The supplies are actually owned by FEMA and are located within the state. Washington and the other states where supplies are located must provide secure storage, pay to replace any materials used, and perform any maintenance the sustain the supplies throughout their shelf life expectancy. The supplies will help provide that initial response resources during the early stages of an emergency and include for example:

General Contents of 500-person IRR Containers (40'):

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| • Generator 5KW | • 16ga Steel Panel (Storage) |
| • Cot folding | • Wheelchair "Easy Care" |
| • Blanket Casualty | • Tool Kit "Home Repair" |
| • Tent, Port-A-Potty | • CPR Mask (Protective) |
| • Halogen Light Set w/tripod | • First Aid Kit |
| • 50' extension cord | • Pillow (Auto) |
| • 80' extension cord | • First Aid Kit (Auto) |
| • Fire extinguisher (5lb) | • IMPAK Vacuum Sealer w/bags |
| • Tyvek Coverall Suit (X-LG) | • Lumber |
| • Cyalume light stick | • Velcro 15ft |
| • Cargo netting | • Velcro Adhesive |
| • Porta Quick "PETT Pot" w/bags | • Special tools, Equip. supplies |

For more information please contact Paul McNeil, Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division, (253) 512-7033 or P.McNeil@emd.wa.gov

Homeland Security Grants and Resources



The FFY04 Homeland Security Grant Program, consisting of the State Homeland Security Program (\$33,408,000), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (\$9,913,000) and Citizen Corps (\$694,000) grants was awarded to the state of Washington on March 29, 2004. The Military Department, Emergency Management Division will have 60 days to obligate 80% of these funds to local jurisdictions and to submit Initial Strategy Implementation Plans to ODP.

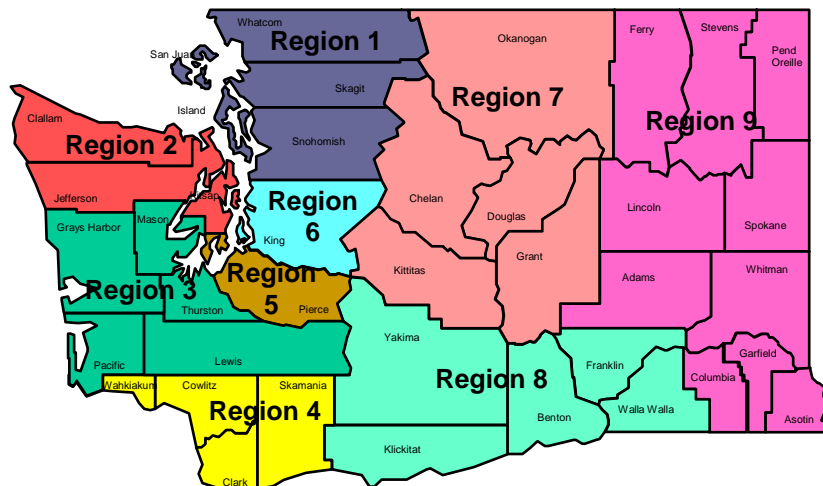
The FFY04 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant, designated for the City of Seattle and King County as the core/city county and Pierce and Snohomish counties as contiguous jurisdictions, has been applied for but not awarded to date. This \$17 million grant will augment current homeland security activities within the urban area, including \$795,280 designated for Sound Transit to improve mass transit security within the urban area.

For more information please contact Arel Solie, Homeland Security Program Manager, Washington State Emergency Management Division, (253) 512-7468 or a.solie@emd.wa.gov

Washington State Regional & State Training Exercises

Exercises currently scheduled for the May - July 2004 are:

Washington Statewide Regional Homeland Security Coordination Districts (RHSCD)



¹Note: These coincide with Local Health Regions for Public Health Emergency Planning and

May:

Region 1,	Seminar	May 21
Region 6,	Workshop	May 3
Region 7,	TTX	May 12
Region 9,	TTX	May 26
Region 5,	Exercise Design Workshop	May 25-26
State	CSEPP Functional	May 5

State CGS Functional May 11

June:

Region 3, TTX June 22
Region 4, TTX June 9
Region 6, Workshop June 8

State DOE Functional June 17

July:

Region 6 TTX July 7

State Functional with Washington State Department of Agriculture—Foreign Animal Disease Exercise
July (TBD)

For more information please contact: Gerald Jenson, EMD Training Coordinator, Washington State Emergency Management Division, (253) 512-7045, org.jenson@emd.wa.gov.

Washington State Emergency Management Council

TASK FORCE ON LOCAL PROGRAMS

April 1, 2004

NEWS RELEASE: SURVEY PROCESS BEGINS

The Emergency Management Council's Task Force on Local Programs has begun distributing a questionnaire to Washington State cities, counties and tribes. The questionnaire will be used to gather information from local and tribal governments regarding their emergency management programs.

The Task Force is attempting to look at emergency management as a statewide system. While the survey asks questions regarding local emergency management programs, the results will be used to paint a broader picture of the health of the emergency management system in Washington State.

The project team visited Homeland Security regional meetings throughout March to introduce the project and distribute the survey:

Region 1 TBD

Region 2 March 26 (Port Townsend)

Region 3 March 10 (Montesano)

Region 4 March 17 (Vancouver)

Region 5 March 31 (Tacoma)

Region 6 March 9 (Renton)

Region 7 March 5 (Ellensburg)

Region 8 March 25 (Pasco)

Region 9 March 24 (Spokane)

Washington county administrators were provided an introduction to the Task Force on Local Programs when Roger Serra, Director of Snohomish County Emergency Management, and Task Force member, and Nicole Simpkinson, Project Director for the Task Force, presented ***Are You Prepared? What You Should Know About Emergency Management*** at the Washington County Administrative Annual Conference in Leavenworth on March 25, 2004.

This brief workshop discussed the roles and responsibilities of local leaders before, during and after an emergency or disaster, including what they should be thinking about, how they can prepare, what they should say to the public and the media and when. In addition, administrators heard the latest on Homeland Security, local Homeland Security grant appropriations, and

ongoing initiatives affecting local governments, including the Governor's Emergency Management Council's Task Force on Local Programs.

This workshop will be offered to other county officials at the Washington State Association of Counties District Meetings in April. City officials will have an opportunity to attend this workshop in June at the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference in Ocean Shores.

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If you have questions regarding the Task Force on Local Programs, or would like to know when the Task Force will be in your community, please visit www.EMCTaskforce.org or telephone one of the project team members listed below.

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Partners In Preparedness Conference (April 13-14, Bellevue, WA)



The 2004 Partners In Preparedness Conference took place on Apr 13-14th at the Doubletree Hotel in Bellevue, WA. Sponsored by the American Red Cross, Washington State Department of Emergency Management, Washington State Emergency Management Association, Seattle Public Utilities, Safeco Insurance and Puget Sound Energy the annual conference is designed provide emergency management professionals the opportunity to develop valuable partnerships. The conference also helps provide information to achieve preparedness needs, understand the importance of preparedness education and planning, and meet future partners in preparedness. This conference is the largest and most successful regional emergency preparedness conference in the Pacific Northwest and attracts individuals from government, non-profit, the private sector, schools, volunteer associations and emergency management personnel. Attending the 2004 conference were over 550 people from all over the Pacific Northwest. Conference attendees select six classes/briefings to attend during the two day session each year in addition to joint sessions.

This year's topics included:

- Where Are We Going in Emergency Management
- Virtual and Semi-Virtual Emergency Operation Centers - How They Work and Their Benefits
- Applying Incident Command in Schools
- Building Resilience in Communities
- Pre-Incident Indicators to Terrorist Events
- What? Emergency Real? Warn Me None
- Megatrends in Emergency Management
- Leadership During a Disaster
- Large Facility Emergency Planning
- Parent and Student Reunion Procedures: Avoiding the Disaster After the Disaster
- Hazard Technologies in the Emergency Operations Center
- Emergency Response to the Pentagon: A Mass Casualty Incident
- Simplifying Continuity Plans
- Bringing Home America's Astronauts – Space Shuttle Columbia Disaster
- How to Create a Business Unit Recovery Plan



- Is Suburban Puget Sound Ready for a Southern California Wildfire?
- The National Continuity of Operations Program (COOP)
- Victims Assistance After a Terrorist Attack
- Lessons Learned from DC's Anthrax Terrorist Incident
- Dealing with Computer Emergencies: Preventing and Dealing with Criminal Attacks
- Looking Back at the Oklahoma City Bombings
- Hazard Mitigation and the CRS – The Skagit County Story Planning Process: Secrets from the Farm
- Putting the Home in Homeland Security: A Baseline Report on the Activities of State and Local Government
- The Art of Media Interviews
- Seismic Update: An Update of Earthquake Threat in the Puget Sound Region
- Student Care During a Disaster
- Energy Infrastructures
- Web Based Emergency Operations Centers
- Emergency Management Continuity Education in Washington State of Washington
- How Business & Government Can Create Disaster Solutions Regionally – Seattle Economic and Recovery Model
- Business Impact Analysis: The Framework for Building Business Continuity Programs
- University of Washington's Urban Recovery Model
- Partners in Weather Preparedness
- Creating and Sustaining Safe School Environments

- National Disaster Medical System Using the Incident Command System
- Department of Energy's Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program
- Building Corporate Emergency Response Teams
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- Moving from Start to Ready – Investing and Funding Your CERT Program
- EOCs: The Role of Partnerships in Design and Construction of a New EOC
- An All Hazards Approach to Notification of Warning and Evacuation Messages to Hazard Impact Areas

As you can see a wealth of information is presented annually, with the topics changing to provide current education and information. The conference is very popular and sells out quickly each year. Registration is generally available beginning in February each year and can be found through Washington State University Conferences and Professional Programs at wsuconf@wsu.edu, (509) 335-3530 or contact Washington Emergency Management Division, Maillian Uphaus, (253) 512-7062 or M.Uphaus@emd.wa.gov



Washington Statewide Homeland Security Strategic Plan

The Washington statewide strategic planning effort to ensure our state remains and safe and secure place to live, work and enjoy is moving into the action planning phase. Following the Jan 9, 2004 publishing of the strategic plan seventeen state agencies and statewide associations and commissions have joined together to serve as coordinating leads for each of the 76 strategies within the statewide plan.

Coordinating leads represent the following organizations and contact names/organizations for each strategy can be found on the Washington Emergency Management website <http://emd.wa.gov> then click on the Homeland Security Button at the top of the homepage indicated in red and select Action Plan Information.

Washington Military Department Headquarters
Washington Military Department Emergency Management Division
Washington State Patrol
Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
Washington Department of Health
Washington Department of Information Services
State Interoperability Executive Committee
Washington State Office of Financial Management
Washington Commission on National and Community Service
Washington State Emergency Management Association
Washington State General Administration
Washington State Attorney General Office
Washington State Department of Agriculture
Community Trade and Economic Development
Washington State Department of Ecology
State Emergency Response Commission
Washington State Department of Licensing
Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

Action plans will be developed with statewide collaboration by Aug 1, 2004 to help guide statewide efforts, and focus resources available now and in the future so that we maximize results for Washington State.

New and available for public use on the Emergency Management website also are a comprehensive homeland security glossary, acronym key and resource references <http://emd.wa.gov/site-general/wahsas/wa-hsas-idx.htm>

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State Homeland Security Information E-Mail Distribution List

The Washington Military Department distributes daily the Homeland Security information provided to the Washington Homeland Security Advisor from a variety of sources to include the Department of Homeland Security. If you would like to join this distribution list please e-mail Joe Huden, Special Assistant to the Director of the Washington Military Department at: Joe. Huden@mil.wa.gov or call (253) 512-8108.

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Acronyms Used in This Newsletter

CERT	Community Emergency Response Teams
CHS	Committee on Homeland Security (Washington State)
COE	Corps of Engineers
COT	Committee on Terrorism (Washington State)
DHS	Department of Homeland Security (Federal)
DIS	Department of Information Services (Washington State)
EMC	Emergency Management Council (Washington State)
EMD	Emergency Management Division (Washington State Military Department)

FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
HLS	Homeland Security
IRR	Initial Response Resources
JTTF	Joint Terrorism Task Force
LETPP	Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program
LESA	Law Enforcement Support Administration
LLEA	Lead Law Enforcement Agency
NGA	National Governor's Association
NTIA	National Transportation and Information Administration
NW-WARN	Northwest Warning, Alert & Response Network
ODP	Office of Domestic Preparedness (Federal)
OFM	Office of Financial Management (Washington State)
OPS-CAN	Olympic Public Safety Communications Alliance Network
OSC	Operation Safe Commerce
NWJAC	Northwest Joint Analysis Center
RCC	Regional Coordination Council
SAA	State Administering Agent
SIEC	State Interoperability Executive Committee
TEW	Terrorism Early Warning (Pierce County)
UASI	Urban Area Security Initiative
WAJAC	Washington Joint Analytical Center
WASPC	Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
WCNCS	Washington Commission on National and Community Service
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
WSP	Washington State Patrol